

American Center English Language Classes

January 10- April 1, 2005

- For the Jan- April term 2005, no beginning level English courses will be offered.

Core class schedule:

Courses Offered:	Time	Days	Class size limit	teacher
Core 2	8-9:30 am	Monday- Friday	24	Mr. Tony Hayes
Core 2	1-2:30 pm	Monday- Friday	24	Mr. Tony Hayes
Core 3	11:30- 1 pm	Monday- Friday	24	Ms. Alix Clarke
Core 4	1:30-3 pm	Mon., Wed., Fri.	22	To be announced
Core 4	4:00-5:30 pm	Mon., Wed., Fri.	24	To be announced
Core 5	10:30 -12:00 am	Mon., Wed., Fri.	20	Ms. Gillian Grant
Core 5	3 - 4:30 pm	Mon., Wed., Fri.	20	Ms. Alix Clarke
Adult Core	5:30- 7 pm	Mon., Wed., Thur.	24	Ms. Alix Clarke

- Core 2,3 courses cost 70,000 kyat
- Core 4 and 5 and Adult Core cost 50,000 kyat

Elective class schedule:

Courses Offered:	Time	Days	Class size limit	teacher
American Studies	8:30-10 am	Mon., Wed., Fri.	21	Dr. Jane McMullen
American Studies	12:00-1:30 pm	Mon., Wed., Fri.	21	Dr. Jane McMullen
Public Speaking	3:30-5:00 pm	Mon., Wed., Fri.	18	Mr. Tony Hayes
Current Events	2:30-4:00 pm	Mon., Wed., Thur.	20	Ms. Gillian Grant
Current Events	5:30- 7 pm	Mon., Wed., Thur.	20	Ms. Gillian Grant

- Electives cost 50,000 kyat

Placement Test

- Placement tests will be given on Monday, Dec 6. Sign up for taking the placement tests will be only on November 29, from 8:00—12:00.
- For people who took the placement test in August 2004 and were not accepted into a class: if you are still interested in taking a class in January at the American Center, then please come December 1 from 1:00—4:00 pm to confirm your interest in taking a course (you DO NOT need to take the placement test again).

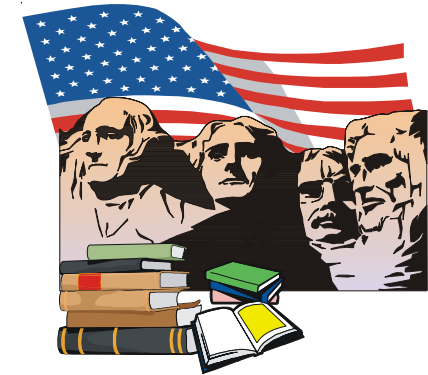
NOTES:

- A TOEFL preparation course will be offered in the next session (April 18 to July 8)
- There is no “passing” or “failing” the placement tests. They simply give us an idea of your level. Due to enthusiastic numbers of people who want to take classes here, usually less than 50% of the people who take the placement test get offered places in classes.
- Class lists will be posted on December 13 at 2:00 pm. Registration for those on the list will be December 14-16 from 8 am to noon.

Electives:

American Studies - This course will improve English language proficiency and offer exposure to the values, attitudes, lifestyles, and history of the American people. A balanced and critical examination of some aspects of American life will be explored through readings, discussions, activities, and debates. To enroll students need to have successfully completed Core 3 or higher or scored the equivalent on the placement exam*. Class size is limited to 21 students. Prior to enrollment an interview with the instructor is required. Interviews will be held Dec 1-3. Sign up for interviews will be on November 30 from 9:00—5:30.

- * NOTE: Depending on the prospective student’s command of English, a waiver to completing Core 3 may be granted at the course instructor’s discretion.



Public Speaking - The aim of this course is to give the participant the necessary tools to become an effective and confident public speaker. The following elements will be examined: types of speeches, preparation and organization, use of effective language, management of stage fright and nervousness, audience analysis and management, proper use of visual aids, and effective speech delivery. Prospective participants should have a strong command of English, have completed Core 3 (or above/equivalent course *), and should expect to give several presentations in front of an “audience” during the course. Class size is limited to 18 students per session. Prior

to enrollment an interview with the instructor is required. Interviews will be held Dec 1-3. Sign up for interviews will be on November 30 from 9:00—5:30.

* NOTE: Depending on the prospective student's command of English, a waiver to completing Core 3 may be granted at the course instructor's discretion.

Current Events – In this course we will focus on current international news events through weekly articles from media such as *Time* and *Newsweek*. Additionally, we will watch prerecorded news broadcasts in order to practice note taking and listening skills and to learn vocabulary. The final component of the class will be short student presentations. This is an enrichment class that gives students an opportunity to learn and use new vocabulary and have daily discussion on the articles and recent news events. A strong command of English is necessary. Prospective students should have successfully completed Core 5*. Prior to enrollment an interview is required. Interviews will be held Dec 1-3 Sign up for interviews will be November 30 from 9:00—5:30.

* NOTE: Depending on the prospective student's command of English, a waiver to completing Core 5 may be granted at the course instructor's discretion.



American Center Teachers:

Ms. Alix Clarke began teaching at the American Center in January 2003. She is from Seattle, Washington but has lived most of her life outside of the United States. In addition to two TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) certifications, she has a master's degree in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena, California (Seattle Branch), and a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Kath. University in Leuven, Belgium. She has lived and worked in Brunssum, Holland; Munich, Germany; Brussels, Belgium; Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles; Jakarta, Indonesia; and Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic.

Tony Hayes hails from San Jose, California and has been teaching English language courses in Myanmar since July 2002. Tony is a 30-year veteran of the United States Air Force; he retired in 1991. Since his retirement from the USAF, he has worked as a quality engineer, management consultant, business analyst and coach, corporate trainer and communications specialist in various organizations including NASA, Raytheon, and Intel Corporation. Tony holds a B.S. in Organizational Behavior (a.k.a. Industrial Psychology) from the University of San Francisco, an A.A.S degree in Telecommunications Operations, and is a Price-Waterhouse-Coopers, LLP certified quality management facilitator.

Jane McMullen began teaching at the American Center in April 2003. A native of Iowa, she received her B.A., Masters and PhD. in French language and literature from the University of Iowa. She previously taught university courses in French at Iowa and at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York. While studying medieval French literature in France, she taught English at the University of Poitiers. She has also lived in the Dominican Republic, Sri Lanka, Gabon, South Africa, and Fiji.

Ms. Gillian Grant has been teaching here since September 2002. Previously she taught English at a university in Istanbul, Turkey and before that at a high school while earning her master's degree in teaching English from Teachers College, Columbia University in NYC. Ms. Grant is from Dallas, Texas and graduated from Texas A & M University with a degree in Curriculum and Instruction. After graduation Ms. Grant joined the Peace Corps and worked in Haiti and the Central African Republic for four years. She is currently the Director of Courses at the American Center.



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